ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH,
CHEROKEE COUNTY, ALABAMA,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 12th, 1897.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Elder J. B. APPLETON, - Moderator, - Collinsville, Ala.
C. C. DAVIS, - - - Clerk, - Collinsville, Ala.

Next meeting to be held with New Harmony Church, 20 miles West of Collinsville and 12 miles East of Guntersville, commencing on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1898. T. L. Mann, Clerk of Church, Postoffice, Jink, Ala.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

On Educaton—J. A. Garrett, J. G. Denton, Fort Payne.

Temperance—E. Crawford, J. L. Pace, Luttrell.

Literature—C. C. Davis, J. E. Appleton, Collinsville.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Lackey, K. M. Longshore, Stella.

Home Missions—J. J. Clayton, B. C. Jones, Crossville.

State Missions—W. H. Logan, G. J. Gray, Lay.

Sabbath Schools—J. R. Ramsey, J. E. Smith, Collinsville.

Finance, at this meeting—R. A. Burt, C. A. Upton, J. P. Reed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Letters from the Churches.
2. Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9. Report of committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Read and correct the minutes.
13. Read and correct the roll of members.
14. Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

Standing Resolution—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Cherokee Baptist Association met with Pleasant Valley Church, Cherokee county, Ala., October 12, 1897.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Pace, at 11 a. m. Text, 9th verse, 3d chapter of Corinthians.

At 1 p. m., the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Elder J. B. Appleton read 92d Psalm, and prayer by the Moderator.

Appointed Brethren A. E. Burns and W. L. Culberson to read letters from the churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—E. Crawford, J. M. Abercrombie; Beulah—J. H. Pertree, W. J. Millirons; Black Creek—W. E. Raley, W. H. Logan, G. J. Gray; Buron—W. J. Vaughn, J. T. Mitchell; Corinth—S. C. Richards, M. A. Cook; Collinsville—J. B. Appleton, J. E. Appleton, J. P. Reed, W. B. Reed, C. C. Davis; Friendship—W. T. Glover, M. B. Hall; Flat Rock—J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood, A. L. Jones, James Powell, alt.; Gravel Hill—J. A. Garrett, R. A. Burt; Hopewell—F. B. Hall; Liberty Hill; J. S. Smith, F. C. Cook; Kyuka—R. J. Wright, R. J. Horton, W. R. Haynie; Mt. Pleasant—Robt. Upton, W. R. Johnson; Mt. Zion No. 1.—Geo. Carr; Mt. Zion No. 2—Jas. Pitts, A. M. Studdard, C. F. Canant; Mt. Vernon—L. Glazener, W. H. Lackey, J. M. Warren, G. W. Renfroe, K. M. Longshore, J. M. Plunkett; Mt. Flat—J. V. Cash, H. M. Heaton; Macedonia—C. S. Martin; Mt. Tabor—A. A. Allen; New Harmony—W. H. Abney, J. O. Hall; New Hope—C. C. Clayton, W. L. Brady, W. M. Daniel, B. C. Jones; New Canaan—W. W. Cooper, C. A. Upton, J. E. Smith; New Home—Samuel Sparks; Oak Grove—Letter, no delegates; Pleasant Hill—L. M. Hudson, G. W. Ingram; Pleasant Valley—J. R. Ramsey, J. E. Smith, Henry Gray, W. D. Bishop; Providence No. 1—R. L. Waldrop, M. B. Chumley; Providence No. 2—J. M. Westbrook; Shiloh—J. L. Pace, A. C. Dickson; Shady Grove—G. N. Cleland; Tennessee Valley—No delegates; Fort Payne—No delegates; Unity—J. A. Young, John Pitts; Union Grove No. 1—P. H. Carlyle; Union Grove No. 2—M. H. Dodd, W. M. McKenzie; Liberty Hill No. 2—D. A. Pledger, I. J. Talley.

On motion dispensed with reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith. Call for petitionary letters and received letter and delegates from Liberty Hill church No. 2. Invited visiting brethren and ministers to seats with us. Elected officers for the ensuing year: Elder J. B. Appleton, Moderator, and C. C. Davis, Clerk. Called for correspondents and received from Cherokee County Association, W. H. Roberts; Etowah Association, Elder W. L. Culberson and W. W. Wester, and Elder A. E. Burns as correspondent of State Board of Missions.

Appointed committees. Fixed time and place for holding next meeting. Agreed to meet with New Harmony church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1898.

Appointed J. R. Ramsey, J. G. Denton, W. R. Johnson, J. L. Pace, J. V. Cash as a special committee on queries and requests. Agreed to read and discuss mission subjects at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow, after prayer by Eld. W. W. Wester. Preaching at the church at night by Eld. W. L. Culberson. Text, 8th Psalm, first clause of 4th verse, "What is man."

SECOND DAY—8:30 A. M.

Read 24th Psalm. Prayer by Elder E. Crawford. Appointed correspondents to Cherokee County Association: J. C. Ragan, J. E. Smith, G. J. Gray, J. B. Appleton; Cedar Bluff: L. Glazener, J. G. Denton, K. M. Longshore, A. M. Studdard; Marshall: B. C. Jones, W. R. Johnson, Samuel Sparks. Elected delegates to State Convention: J. B. Appleton, E. Crawford, J. L. Pace, J. G. Denton, C. C. Davis. Elected J. B. Appleton as a delegate to Southern Baptist Convention; J. R. Ramsey, alternate, and the Association agreed to pay the expenses of the delegate to the convention and gave the clerk $8.65 and pledge more from the churches. Read reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions, and adopted after discussion by Brothers E. Crawford, A. E. Burns, W. W. Wester and W. H. Roberts. Read report on queries and requests. By an act of the Association at 11 a. m. Elder E. Crawford waved his right to preach the Missionary sermon, and the sermon was preached by Elder A. E. Burns. Text, Rev. 11th chapter, 15th verse. Public collection $7.48.

1:30 p. m.—Resumed discussion of report of special committee, and tabled resolution offered. Queries read and tabled. Read report on Temperance and adopted after discussion by J. G. Denton and W. W. Wester. Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow after prayer by Elder J. G. Denton. Preaching at the church at night by Elder Wester. Text, 8th and 9th verses of 6th chapter of John. Also preaching at Black Creek church by Elder E. Crawford. Text, Phil. 2d chapter and 16th verse.

THIRD DAY—8:30 A. M.

Read 122d Psalm, and prayer by Elder Pace. Appointed Brethren B. C. Jones, W. J. Vaughn and J. E. Smith to select brethren to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons at next meeting. Committee reports J. R. Ramsey to preach Introductory sermon and Samuel Sparks, alternate; Missionary sermon E. Crawford, and John Pitts, alternate. The Association unanimously recommends J. B. Hamric to the Colportage Board to work as colporter in the Association.

Read report on Sabbath Schools, and after talks by J. L. Pace, G. W. Renfroe, J. G. Denton, J. R. Ramsey, B. C. Jones, W. W. Wester and J. B. Appleton, it was adopted. Received report of Finance committee. Instructed the clerk to divide the public collection equally with mission boards. Preaching at 11 by Eld. J. B. Appleton. Text, 13th chapter, 14th verse of Heb.

1:30 p. m.—Allowed clerk $10 for his services out of minute fund and to use the balance for printing and distributing minutes.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body is hereby extended to the members of this church and vicinity for their hospitality in caring for the members of this Association, and that we invoke the blessings of God on them in their pleasant valley made doubly pleasant by its loving christian people.

Elder J. B. Appleton, Moderator.

C. C. Davis, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers and their P. O.—E. M. Waller, Albertville; W. H. Hearn, Rodentown; E. P. Boroughs, Geraldine; S. C. Richards, Guest; A. N. Mince, Keener; J. C. Chadwick, Meltonsville, J. R. Nix, Rogers; John Pitts, E. C. Stone, Mahan; E. Crawford, J. L. Pace, Luttrell; M. C. Dean, Index; J. S. and J. H. Horton, Duck Springs; J. G. Denton, Luna; N. F. Adams, Lay; G. W. Ingram, Tip; J. C. Morris, Loveless; J. B. Appleton, T. J. Lankford, Collinsville; L. Chambers, Rains; W. H. Lackey, Stella; D. M. Burgess, Cedar Bluff; J. R. Ramsey, Maple Grove; Samuel Sparks, J. J. Clayton, J. J. Smith, Sand Mountain; P. H. Carlyle, Callahan; D. A. Pledger, Starkville.

Licentiates and P. O.—W. C. D. Hendon, Whiton; G. R. and R. S. Thackerson, Callahan; J. J. Williams, W. J. Taylor, Ten Broeck; P. C. Chitwood, Lebanon; C. J. Crump, Wills; N. V. Fincher, Floy; T. P. Morris, Loveless; W. D. Bishop, Collinsville; A. A. Sanders, Tabor; J. J. Dodd, McVille.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee		Paid to W. C. Bledsoe	
For State Missions	$ 16 05	For Missions	$ 90 60
" Home "	11 80	Paid Printing and distributing minutes	13 41
" Foreign "	55 28	To Clerk	10 00
" Minutes	23 41		
Public Collection	7 49		
Total	$114 03		$114 01

C. C. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions feel they can do no better than quote some paragraphs from an article in the State Mission Journal on the work of the State Board of Missions. "The State Board of Missions is the organ of the Baptists of Alabama (1) in collecting and remitting contributions for Foreign and Home Missions; (2) in helping infant churches in important points where otherwise Baptist churches could not be established; (3) in prosecuting evangelistic work in the State at large for the further evangelizing and enlisting of our people in Christian work; (4) in doing missionary and colportage work where such is needed; (5) in caring for aged and disabled ministers and their widows and orphans against want; (6) in seeking to foster a spirit of fellowship and co-operation between churches in the Master's service and bringing them to contribute to each other's upbuilding and mutual usefulness. It will therefore be seen that the work of this Board is far-reaching and of the most vital importance. It calls for your money, your heart and your prayers. The line now most largely engaging the energies of our people is evangelistic work. There are in the several sections of the state five evangelists—Bro. Preston in the Southeast, Bro. Anderson in the East, Bro. Burns in the North, Bro. Sandlin in the Northwest, and Bro. Parker in the Southwest. These

brethren, selected because of their fitness for this work, are now operating under the appointment and counsel of the Board. This work is comparatively new, but has already proven itself both wise and timely. It is almost self-sustaining, and every indication is that the number of men should be doubled very soon. These evangelists go where occasion most requires, preaching the gospel, enlisting the churches in missionary work, interesting brethren in each other, fostering and conserving the fellowship of saints, educating our people in missionary work and the work of the Lord in general, and building up the body of Christ. We have every reason to be grateful to God for his blessing on this work. It is doing great good. Brethren, the State Board of Missions is doing all in its power to promote the work of the World's evangelization. We bespeak for it your cordial cooperation and support. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Reed and J. L. Reeves, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following: We have nothing new or strange to offer. It is the same old story that Christ gave unto his apostles, go and disciple all nations. The past year has been full of the blessings of our Heavenly Father on the work which He has intrusted to us in foreign lands. While in some respects it has been a year of great difficulties and trials, yet the Lord has prospered us continually. There were 660 baptisms reported in connection with our missions last year. We should praise God. We have now connected with our Foreign Mission work 80 foreign missionaries and 110 native assistants. Some people seem to think that our mission work is at a standstill, or retrograding. It is well to consider some figures. In 1877, twenty years ago, we had 16 missionaries and 32 native assistants—48 workers in all. The contributions were $32,276. In 1887, ten years ago, we had 116 missionaries and native assistants; 228 baptisms, 1,551 members, and the contributions $80,-830.53. In 1897 we report 190 missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms, 4,324 members and $125,681.99 in contributions. We should thank God, and press forward. This year's report, with the large increase in gifts at home and the large number of converts on the foreign fields, should fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving. One of the most unsatisfactory looking items in our report is the $2,160.34 spent for interest By paying so much on our indebtedness, we can greatly reduce the interest account. But let it be kept in mind that the Board pay our missionaries monthly, and if the funds are not on hand when their drafts come the Board are compelled to honor and pay interest. We hope that our churches will bear this in mind and begin now to send forward gifts. How delightful it would be to our missionaries to know that they were being supported with funds already given by the people and not with borrowed money. Many are under the impression that our foreign mission work is out of debt. What are the facts. Since the convention met about five months has passed, the expenses of the Board has amounted to about $42,000. This added to the indebtedness of $13,500 make $55,500; in that time the Board has received $20,762. My dear brethren this calls aloud to us to come forward with our contributions for the great work of extending the Redeemer's Kingdom as it's God's sovereignty to will and man as an accountable being to act. The field is so great and the laborers so few, and others saying here am I, send me, and no funds in the hand of the Board. Brethren we need to adopt systematic giving so the Board may meet the demands as they come in. We know no better plan than the one given by the great Apostle Paul. 1 Cor., 16th chapter, 2d verse: "Let every one of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week, according as God hath prospered him that there be no gathering when I come." Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Richards, E. Crawford, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following: Our

Home Missions have done a great work in the bounds of the Southren Baptist Convention. We have about 400 missionaries in the home field but this number is not sufficient for the territory they are in. There are still great fields ripe for the harvest, but laborers are few. We can hear the cry come over and help us or we die, also who will go and work in my vineyard today. Brother will you go with your means and prayers for the good work to go on that none can say, "You never told me Christ died for me." We notice in last year's report that there was only $4.90 paid for Home Missions. Brethren this is a poor record. Let us rally to the front and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Now we can't believe this owing to opposition to missions but think it is lack of information of the great need of this work. Nothing but the Heaven ordained means of the truth will avail. This we think the pastors can do. Submitted,

C. J. Crump, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is of high import and should be observed by all who would live a life synonymous with the Lord Jesus. We understand temperance to be a virtue of divine origin and to sustain that high character requisite to a christian life must be strictly observed by all of God's people, and to preserve physical health as well as spiritual, everything sensual must be denied. Shame and contempt must rest on any christian professor who might indulge in any degree in intemperance. J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood, Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following. We believe the subject of Sabbath Schools to be of vital importance. Taking Christ for our leader, we find where He went to the Temple early in the morning and taught all the people. (John 8-2.) We find then that it is a place suitable for the old as well as the young. We believe where there is a church it should control the school as to its officers and teachers, and that a Sabbath school correctly speaking is but a church at work. The great cry has been how to interest the children and young in the work as they are the hope of the church in the future. We think that if parents could be aroused then the question would be answered. The children would follow. We are glad to say that we think the interest is growing stronger and stronger, and that the anti-spirit is weakening and better organization and enthusiasm throughout the country. We have a convention organized in the Association that meets annually, and we feel sure that much good will be accomplished by its work. It meets at Collinsville next year on Friday before first Sunday in August. We would recommend as helps the Southren Baptist Convention literature together with American Baptist Publication Societies Works.

Resolved, That we recommend all the churches to organize a Sabbath School and endeavor to make it an evergreen one.

C. C. Davis, Chairman.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set fourth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God, for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they may judge proper: Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble and directed by the Word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members of their respective churches—of those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead during the year, and the whole number now in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty, and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. Each church shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith, and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call to its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistant manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may

be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first day and each day of the session, and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privilege to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgement may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this Association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice, hereinafter set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or if he be absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read, and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion; which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the sessions,hall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

Article 1. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the creator and preserver of all men of the universe.—1st John 5, 7; 1st Tim. 2, 5; Proverbs 26, 4.

2. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed ever more.—John 1, 14; 1st Timothy 2, 5; Romans 9, 9.

3. That all scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible is given by inspiration of God,and is profitable for doctrine,for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2d Tim. 3, 16; 2d Peter 1, 20, 21.

4. That the law and testimony, as set fourth in the scriptures, is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their scriptural concerns, and their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8, 20.

5. That Adam the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Romans 5,12,19.

6. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Romans 5, 19; 8, 29; John 3, 16.

7. That those blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and not of themselves, not of works, least any man should boast not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1, 12; Ephesians 2, 8, 9; Titus 3, 5.

8. That God works all things after the council of his own will, foreknown unto Him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to Him and He will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear his voice, and shall never perish; become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when he who is their life shall appear with him in Glory.—Ephesians 1, 2; Acts 15, 18; John 6, 30; 10, 28, 29; Col. 3, 3, 4.

9. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14, 15; Titus 3, 14.

10. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ without money and without price.—Isaiah 1, 18, 55; John 3, 16.

11. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Daniel 12, 2; John 5, 28, 29; Rev. 20, 12, 13; Matthew 25, 30, and to the end.

12. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Matt. 18, 18; Cor. 1, 2; Eph. 1, 2; Romans 6, 3.

13. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her head, and she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns of judging of the qualification of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of chosing her own officers in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Matt. 14, 18; 2 Thes. 2, 11; 1 Cor. 14, 20, 21; Acts 14, 23; (see original) Phil. 1, 5.

14. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1st Timothy 3.

15. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water upon a profession of his faith in Christ.—Mat. 18, 19; Mark 16, 16; John 4, 1, 2; Acts 2, 41; Acts 8, 12, 37, 38; Acts 10, 47, 48; Rom. 6, 3; Col. 2, 12.

16. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he comes the second time.—Matthew 16, 28; 27, 26; Acts 2, 42; 20, 7; 1 Cor. 11, 23, 27.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR, 1897.

Churches.	Missions				Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Building
	State Cash.	State Vouch	Home Cash	Foreign Cash			
Antioch	$	$ 1 79	$ 50	$ 2 75	$ 60	$	$ 200
Beulah	40	86	45	1 45	65	.....	200
Black Creek	.....	.....	.....	1 10	1 00	.....	350
Buron	.....	1 30	.....	1 50	25	6 75	.....
Corinth	1 25	.. .	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Collinsville	.....	18 57	.....	.....	1 73	172 00	1 000
Friendship	.....	1 60	.....	1 75	60	.....	.....
Flat Rock	.....	.....	1 00	85	1 05	.....	.....
Gravel Hill	.....	21 88	.....	.....	1 30	62 75	400
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	2 30	75	.....	.....
Liberty Hill, No 1	4 45	4 56	.....	.....	65	10 00	250
Liberty Hill, No 2	.....	.....	2 65	.....	75	.....	.....
Kyuka	.....	.....	50	50	50	.....	300
Mt. Pleasant	.....	2 30	.....	2 95	40	.....	200
Mt. Zion, No 1	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Mt. Zion, No 2	50	.....	.....	.....	60	15 15	.....
Mt. Vernon	.....	6 45	.....	6 15	1 00	.....	.....
Mt. Flat	1 40	.....	.....	1 55	1 15	20 65	.....
Macedonia	.....	.....	2 75	2 75	60	.....	.....
Mt. Tabor	1 50	1 65	.....	1 25	70	.....	.....
New Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450
New Hope	.....	1 75	1 70	7 28	1 25	.....	150
New Canaan	2 30	.....	.....	2 35	75	.....	250
New Home	.....	.....	.....	4 05	50	18 63	.....
Oak Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	85
Pleasant Hill	50	.....	50	1 00	45	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, No 1	65	.....	.....	.....	53	.....	.....
Providence, No 2	.....	.....	1 25	1 25	25	.....	.....
Shiloh	1 55	83	25	1 00	55	.....	300
Shady Grove	.....	1 25	25	75	40	.....	.....
Unity	25	2 60	.....	5 25	55	8 25	.....
Union Grove, No 1	.....	.....	.....	1 00	70	.....	.....
Union Grove, No 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	20 00	225
	$16 05	$67 39	$11 80	$55 28	$23 41	$33628	$4 410

Missions: Foreign vouch. $9.41, Home vouch. $4; Orphan's Home, $3.10.

$3.44

STATISTICS OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last reported.	Inc'd by bapt'm	Inc'd by letter.	Inc' by rest'r'n	Dec'd by letter.	Dec'd by excl'sn	Dec'dby erasure	Dec'd by death.	Present membership.	Sunday School.		Pr'ch'g S'bths.
														Off. & t'ch'rs	Pupils	Superintendent's name.	
Antioch	DeKalb..	E Crawford..	J M Aberer'mbie	Luttrell.	37	2	6		3				42	6	72	J M Abercrombie	2
Beulah.....	"	E Crawford..	W J Millirons.	Ten Broeck.	66		5	1		3			69				1
Black Creek	Etowah..	G E Jones. ..	G J Gray.....	Lay..... .	86	7	3	2	7			3	88				3
Buron	DeKalb..	J L Pace	N B Moore	Blake.....	17	1							18				1
Corrinth	Jackson..	S C Richards.	M A Cook.	Talley.	32		3	1	2	6			28				3
Collinsville	DeKalb..	C S Johnson.	J E Appleton..	Collinsville ..	156	8	1		3				160	9	100	C C Davis	1
Friendship	"	E Crawford..	M B Hall	Dawson.....	99	2	5	2	2	1		2	71				4
Flat Rock	"	J G Denton..	T M Corley....	Guest.....	81	4	1	1	1	2			83	7	54	S D Denton	3
Fort Payne ...	"	.... Goodhue.	J P Stanley....	Fort Payne..	83		14						69	5	35	J P Stanley	3
Gravel Hill.....	"	J B Appleton	D D Hughes. .	Lebanon ..	56			1				1	51				2
Hopewell.....	"	J L Pace.....	W R Chambley	Whiton	48	5	6		5			1	56	6	62	J C Guest	3
Liberty Hill, No 1	"	J S Horton ..	A B Tidmore ..	Collinsville ..	82		2		2			1	79				3
Liberty Hill, No 2	Cherokee.	D A Pledger.	I J Tallent ...	Starkville ...		4	17		4				21				3
Kyuka	Etowah .	J H Horton..	J H Haynie...	Duck Springs	76		1		6			1	70	6	30	S T Cothran	3
Mount Pleasant	DeKalb.	E Crawford..	Stephen Hall..	Gad.	52	8	3		12				53	6	30	W L Murdock	3
Mount Zion, No 1	"	T W Hartline	George Karr..	Valley Head.	44			1	1				44	5	30	C Y Culberson	1
Mount Zion, No 2	"	J G Denton..	A M Studdard.	Stella.....	61	4	3			2		1	67				2
Mount Vernon..	"	D M Burgess.	J V Glazener..	Stella.....	153	7	13		5	5		1	162				3
Mount Flat.....	"	J J Clayton..	J M Cash.....	Rodentown. .	98	12	2		2	10		1	100				1
Macedonia	"	J L Pace	W A Elenburg.	Geraldine....	86	2			3		1	3	84	6	24	W A Elenburg	1
Mount Tabor.	"	J R Nix.....	C J Crump	Wills..... ..	41	3	5		1				48				4
New Harmony..	"	R W Roe.....	T L Mann....	Jinks.	52	12	3		1	2		1	63				3
New Hope	"	M F Owens.	B C Jones.	Crossville . ..	115	29	18	1		8	1	2	152	7	72	B C Jones	3
New Canaan ...	"	J T Chadwick	C A Upton.....	Rogers	70	3	4		8				69	8	48	W C L Hendon	3
New Home ..	"	S Sparks	M A Williams.	Rains	50	4	6		2			1	58				2
Oak Grove	"	S C Richards.	J F Parker.....	Black Oak..	12								12				1
Pleasant Hill....	Jackson..	E C Stone...	W N Plaster...	Callahan	33	1	2					1	35				2
Pleasant Valley.	Cherokee.	G E Jones ...	A K Bobo. ...	Leonard	112	13	5		17			1	112	6	46	E J Bobo	2
Providence, No 1.	DeKalb.	J S Horton ..	R L Waldrop.	Chumley	59	1							60				1
Providence, No 2.	Marshall.	W V Smith..	J S Bailey.	Peters.	22	1		1	8	1			13				1
Shiloh	DeKalb..	E C Stone....	A C Dickson..	Black Oak..	21		6					1	28				4
Shady Grove	"	J A C Sims ..	G N Cleland..	Collinsville ..	27				3				24				1
Tennessee Valley	Marshall.	.....	....	....	60								60				2
Unity	DeKalb..	L B Irwin....	WHSummerour	Mahan	53	1			2	3			49				1
Union Grove, No 1	"	P H Carlyle.	THpThack'rs'n	Callahan ...	41		1						42				4
Union Grove, No 2	"	L Chambers.	G B Allen.	Crossville....	59	1	2		17	3			42				1
				Total... ..	2358	135	123	11	119	56	2	22	2273	77	613		114

Liberty Hill, No 2, was organized during the year, and Cedar Hill has dissolved.